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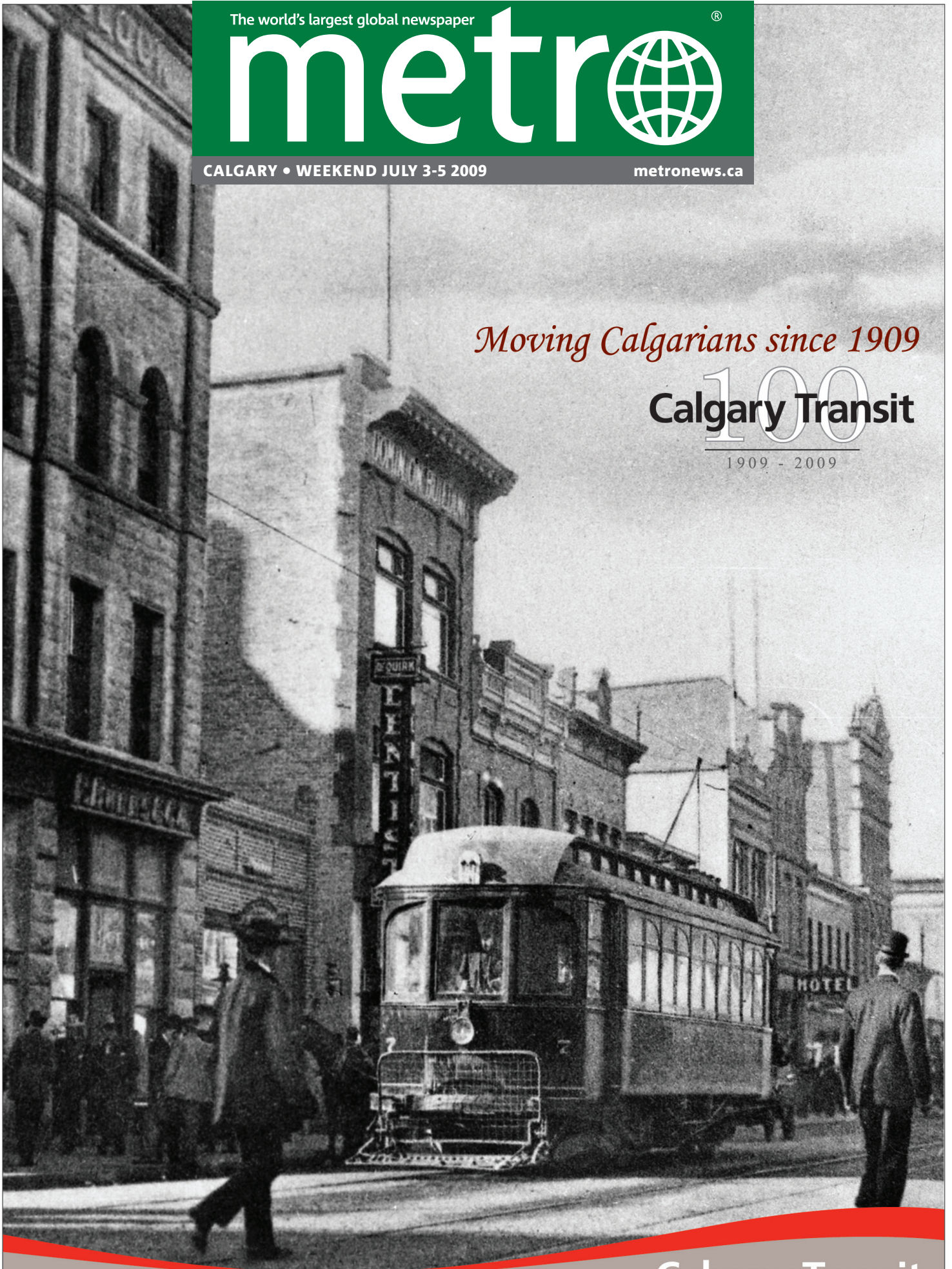
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In 1909, Calgary was an up-and-coming city with a population of 30,000 people. This growing city needed a form of public transportation and it was an exciting day when the Calgary Electric Railway began operating on July 5, 1909 with 12 electric streetcars.

The success of the Calgary Electric Railway, which was soon rebranded as the Calgary Municipal Railway, grew and by 1918, service had extended to outlying communities. During the Great Depression of the 1930s when many North American transit services failed, Calgarians continued to be served by a thriving street car system.

Modern buses were introduced in 1932 and streetcars were slowly phased out of the system's operations throughout the 1940s, replaced by both diesel and electric trolley buses. By the early 1970s, trolley buses had been completely phased out.



Prior to the economic reversal in 1913 that halted the system's early growth, the Calgary Municipal Railway acquired some 65 additional wooden cars. These cars were painted cherry red with canary yellow trim.



The Calgary Municipal Railway's first bus, a four-speed Leyland with driver Ken Gush on Talon Avenue in Mount Royal, 1935.

Spurred by an Alberta oil boom and The City of Calgary having been awarded the 1988 Olympic Winter games, construction of Calgary's Light Rail Transit (LRT) system began in 1978.

On May 25, 1981, the CTrain officially started service, running 11 kilometres from Anderson Station to 7th Avenue S.W. through the downtown core.



Streetcars are an essential component of this busy 1912 scene on Eighth Avenue, looking east toward the Centre Street intersection.



Today, the CTrain carries over 280,000 passengers every weekday, more than any other light rail system in North America. It encompasses 44 kilometres of double track, 38 CTrain stations, more than 14,000 park and ride stalls and a fleet of 156 light rail vehicles. Since September 2001, the CTrain's electricity has been entirely generated by wind making it a 100 per cent emissions free light rail system, the only one of its kind in North America. Calgary Transit has a bus fleet of 850 regular buses and 103 community shuttles, able to provide accessible service to all Calgarians.

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# Mayor losing voter appeal: Poll

Exclusive Metro Calgary/Ivrnet survey reveals discontent among committed voters

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**Exclusive Metro Calgary/Ivrnet poll results show a majority of Calgarians committed to voting as of today would rather see Mayor Dave Bronconnier, who enjoyed a landslide victory in 2007, leave politics altogether rather than run again in 2010.**

When asked about Bronconnier's future in politics, 56 per cent of the 1,090 Cal-

garians who completed the survey, and who indicated they were likely to cast a vote in the 2010 municipal election, said the mayor should exit the political arena. Fifteen per cent would like to see him seek re-election as mayor, six per cent would like to see him run provincially or federally, and 22 per cent were unsure.

A similar majority, 59 per cent, indicated that if Bronconnier were to run again, they would likely vote for

**"It's really an expression that (voters) think it's time for a change."**

Janet Brown, research consultant

another candidate, with 17 per cent saying they would vote for him and 24 per cent being unsure.

Public opinion research consultant Janet Brown said that while the results don't necessarily indicate how Calgarians would vote come October 2010, they do provide a window into

that they think it's time for a change."

Mount Royal political science expert Duane Bratt said the results aren't cause for immediate concern to Bronconnier, but could be if a quality alternative for mayor steps forward.

"I mean, it's a sign of discontent, but how serious a sign it is — I wouldn't put a lot of stock into it," said Bratt, noting a recent string of contentious issues at city hall, including the budget, Plan-It public hearings and

the recent Chamber report card could have had an effect.

The mayor declined to comment on the poll's results.

The exclusive Metro Calgary/Ivrnet automated telephone poll made live contact with 14,319 Calgary households to find 1,090 likely voters between June 24 and June 27, 2009.

Overall results are accurate to within three percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

World pg 8

U.S. launches push into Afghanistan

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Kiana Adams, 7, and sister Angelina, 9, hit the Sizzler ride during Sneak-a-Peek at the Calgary Stampede Thursday night. Check out Metro's special Stampede section, pg 13-15

## Thousands sneak Stampede preview

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**PREVIEW** Rachel Vanderlinder waits all year for her favourite night of the Calgary Stampede — Sneak-a-Peek night.

Last night Vanderlinder, 24, joined thousands of others for a peek of the 2009 version of the Calgary Stampede, and she said it was well worth the wait.

"I just like it because there aren't as many people as there usually is and it

feels kind of special to get this advance look at everything before the madness," Vanderlinder said.

"It's cheaper and it's just a lot of fun. I come every year."

Vanderlinder took in some rides and games

while enjoying some of her favourite food and, of course, mini donuts too.

The Calgary Stampede kicks off officially this morning with the annual stampede parade downtown. The Stampede runs until July 12.

## Humane Society joins rodeo ruckus

**STAMPEDE** The Humane Society of Canada has stepped into the rodeo fray with an attempt to have televised coverage removed from national airwaves.

The group feels that the rodeos are harmful to the animals, promote violence and should not be shown.

"We are asking the CRTC and the public to look at it because without the broadcast rights, the advertisers and sponsors, there's no way these events could go forward," said Michael O'Sullivan, head of the Humane Society. He is angry over the way animals are treated at the Calgary Stampede and how injuries and deaths are reported.

O'Sullivan said that they must wait until the first events are broadcast to file a complaint because of mishandled complaints to the CRTC in the past.

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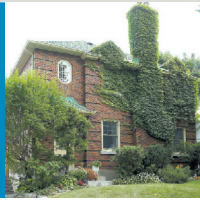
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# Local



## Home purchases on the rise in June

June saw the number of single-family homes and condos sold in Calgary's metro area go up from this time last year. The numbers of single-family homes sold in the metro area saw a 28 per cent increase from this time last year, and condos saw a 33 per cent increase.

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### Calgary in brief

**MARKET** The Calgary Farmer's Market said yesterday they have found a new home. The market has officially applied for a development permit to move the popular market to Blackfoot Centre at 510-77 Ave. SE.

**HOUSING** The city is launching a new two-and-a-half-year pilot project that will see it spend over \$1 million. The city will be giving incentives to developers that will hopefully see them build more affordable rental housing.

**FIRE** The Calgary Fire Department is investigating whether the fire damage caused to a Bowness auto repair shop was a result of arson. The fire occurred just after midnight yesterday as the fire engulfed the entire two-story building.

**IDENTIFIED** The office of the chief medical examiner has identified Daniel Jonathan Ryan, 51, as the driver who was killed in a collision on Sarcee Trail July 1. The collision also injured a tow truck driver who was attending to another car.

**LIBERALS** David Swann, leader of the Official Opposition, will host his 5th Annual Calgary-Mountain View Stampede Breakfast Saturday. The breakfast, found at the Hillhurst-Sunrise Community Association, begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 11:30 a.m.

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## Transit travels into 100th year

JOEL MESSNER  
for Metro Calgary

Calgary Transit is celebrating its 100th year of serving Calgarians this year, and though they're keeping the century celebration "low key," there might be something in store for its birthday on Sunday.

"It is obviously a great day in the City of Calgary's history and in Calgary Transit's history," said Ron Collins communications co-ordinator for Calgary Transit.

With 100 years in the books, it's a good time to look at Calgary Transit roots and how it all began.

In 1909 the first sign of public transit came along when a city of 30,000 people had passengers board its very first street car.

Transit only grew from



This photo, circa 1910, depicts the early years in Calgary Transit history.

that point on, as 1932 came about the city caught a glimpse of modern buses — and by 1940 they phased out the streetcar. The oil boom and the upcoming Winter Olympic Games spurred the beginning of the LRT line construction in 1978. By 1987 the third leg of the C-Train line was built and in 1990 we saw that line extend to Brentwood station.

In the early 2000s the city only saw the LRT lines expand and expand, as of 2003 we saw the C-Train

travel as far north as Dalhousie and as far south as Canyon Meadows.

"The evolution of public transit in Calgary is quite remarkable, when you consider its early beginnings to present day," said Collins

## U.S. ex-pat celebrating July 4th his own way

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USA For at least one American living in Calgary, there

are two national birthdays to celebrate and one includes the star spangled banner.

While Jon Fauter has been living in Calgary

since 1999, he still celebrates Independence Day in his own way — by calling his mom at home.

"I don't do too much because all my friends are Canadian and celebrate Canada Day, plus I don't get the day off unless it's a weekend," he said. "But I still think about it and call home."

Originally from Florida, Fauter says he actually

thinks Canada Day in Calgary is even bigger than Independence Day in Florida.

"I think it's regional, some celebrate it more than others," he added.

American-born Kelly Bundt, who now calls himself a Canadian after living here most of his life, said he still celebrates July 4th with a barbecue.

"I will celebrate pretty much anything," he said.

## Dog owners a click away from off-leash

JOEL MESSNER  
for Metro Calgary

**ONLINE SEARCH** Calgary dog walkers will be able to find all of Calgary's off-leash dog areas much easier now.

The city launched a new electronic displaying all of Calgary's 138 off-leash dog areas at <http://emaps.calgary.ca/asp/emaps.asp>.

"We saw an opportunity with eMaps to increase accessibility of information on our off-leash areas for citizens of Calgary," said Anne Charlton, director of Parks for The City of Calgary.

Calgarians can find off-leash areas by searching by community, address or street name.

According to the city the new eMap was an effort to increase the ease of access for Calgarians regarding locations of off-leash areas.

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# Cowboys — behind the scenes

## Doc-soap of nightclub during '08 Stampede airs Friday

AMY GREGSON  
for Metro Calgary

**You've heard the stories and maybe even experienced it for yourself, but now you have the opportunity to find out what really happens at Cowboys night club.**

Filmed over the course of 10 days during the 2008

Stampede, Cowboys television will give viewers a behind-the-scenes look at what happens at the world famous nightclub during its busiest time.

"Cowboys has a mysterious mystique. Famous people, pro hockey players and Prince Harry go there," said producer Paula Davies from Corkscrew Media. "This is an all-access at what hap-

pens inside."

The doc-soap will feature seven employees of the bar including Cherie "Queen Bee" who is also famous for entertaining Prince Harry.

Another employee Davies mentioned was Jersey, who was flown in from Toronto to work for the 10 days and shakes things up during a bikini contest.

"I think during Stamp-

pede, everyone wants to know what happens during Stampede and it's really unbelievable when you're not from Calgary," said Davies.

The show will be shown across the country in two back-to-back half-hour episodes on Citytv Friday at 9 p.m. local time.

Davies said more episodes could be order based on the response the show gets.



Cherie Cymbalisty of Cowboys will take viewers on a behind-the-scenes tour of the world famous bar during Stampede in Citytv's production, airing Friday.

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the Bay

## Organic waste next on city's landfill list

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As you walk around the kitchen in the River Café at Prince's Island Park, bins with peels, coffee grinds and egg shells are throughout the prep area waiting to be composted.

The Café has been composting for approximately four years and has seen their garbage output decrease from three bags to half a bag a day.

"We are always trying to be conscious of our environmental impact," said Andrea Robinson, restaurant manager.

Sarah Noble, senior business strategist for the city's waste and recycling services, said that the amount of organic waste, yard and food waste, accounts for 30 per cent of city landfills.

"It doesn't just have to

**"It doesn't just have to be from your home. It's also from things like restaurants, businesses, schools."**

Sarah Noble

be from your home. It's also from things like restaurants, businesses, schools," said Noble.

Noble said the city's pilot project, Green Office Program, is trying to figure out how to reduce the amount of organic material in an office setting.

Noble said the reduction in organic waste going to landfills is the next step in achieve 80/20 by 2020 that would see 80 per cent of what would have gone to landfills diverted to either recycling or composting.

## Thieves take Oilers staffer's rings

**THEFT** Rick Elashuk has been an Oil trainer since the golden years of hockey in Edmonton, and has held on to four Stanley Cup rings.

Returning home on Canada Day, he found his

fence smashed, his door kicked in, his house burgled and his rings gone.

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One of the reasons is that Larry shopped around for his car insurance and found a company with competitive rates for his driving profile, whereas Joe wrongly assumed the rate he had with his insurance company was as low as he was going to find by looking around.

There are many, many cases just like this where users with clean driving records are paying more than another, similar driver with tickets and accidents.

## How Do I Get The Best Rates?

The single best way to ensure that you are getting the best rate on your car insurance is to shop around.

The rates charged by different insurance companies to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Take a look at the table below.

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# Canada

## Economy may take years to recover

Recession will still be felt in 2014: Economist

**More Canadians will be out of work in 2014 than prior to the recession, even if the economy recovers quickly and expands at a healthy clip for the next five years, a prominent economist forecast on Thursday.**

Canada's economy appears set to stop shrinking in the third quarter of 2009 and begin to grow by year-end. But consumers and businesses should not count on recouping the losses from three quarters of recession for years to come, according to a study by Dale Orr, an independent economist and formerly one of Canada's leading

### No more stimulus bucks planned

Canada has no immediate plans to increase the size of its two-year stimulus plan, which is designed to pump an extra

\$46 billion into the economy, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

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forecasters at Global Insight.

"Moving from negative to positive economic growth is a pretty obvious measure of recovery. But there's quite a few other perspectives that we should be looking at the same time and none of them are quite as optimistic," said Orr.

The report is offered as a reality check for markets

and pundits cheering over small signs that recovery is on the way.

Unemployment, one of the most important measures of economic performance, will peak at 10 per cent but won't fall to 2007 levels of six per cent, even after average annual economic growth of 3.4 per cent in the 2011-14 period, Orr said.

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## New Brunswick Remembering LeBlanc



People pay their respects while standing next to the casket containing the remains of Canada's former governor general Romeo LeBlanc as he lies in state at the chapel on the Memramcook Institute in Memramcook, N.B., on Thursday. A state funeral service will be held on Friday.

## Tories criticized for using big cheques with government logo

**POLITICS** There's an old saying about politicians using your own money to buy your vote.

In Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government this summer, that adage comes with a visual aid: Huge blue cheques emblazoned with the maple leaf logo of the Canadian government, the signature of a benevolent MP and, in some cases, Conservative

sloganeering.

Some critics say the government is blurring the line between its public and partisan jobs with the big cheques, just a few years after the sponsorship scandal in Quebec, when federal Liberals were also accused of using government money to further their partisan aims against the Bloc Québécois.

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## News in brief

**CSIS** A Federal Court judge said revelations that Canada's spy service mishandled evidence in the terrorism case of a Syrian refugee is of "great concern to the court" and could affect the outcome of the case. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service admitted it failed to disclose evidence that a confidential informant was "deceptive" when answering questions. Hassan Almrei's lawyer, Lorne Waldman, wants the case be thrown out.

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Order, please! Senators end up on YouTube

Shouting and swearing at a high-profile Canadian Senate committee have ended up on YouTube, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Members of the Canadian military show weapons at the Canada Day festival outside the Vancouver Convention Centre on Wednesday.

## Canada Day 'shock'

Forces' display glorified war, woman says

KRISTEN THOMPSON  
Metro Canada



Vancouver's Canada Day celebration felt more like the Fourth of July than a tribute to a nation that prides itself on peacekeeping, says a Vancouver woman.

Tanya Fink, 31, said she was "shocked" to see an entire block outside the Vancouver Convention Centre taken up by a Canadian Forces tent — where soldiers allegedly showed children how to handle weapons. A military spokesperson said the sol-

**"It goes against the image we're trying to portray."**

Tanya Fink

diers were simply keeping Canadians informed about their activities. To Fink, it was a "brazen state-sponsored recruitment campaign" and "glorification of violence and war."

She said some visitors were lined up to try a firearm simulator while soldiers applied fake military-themed tattoos to children's arms and faces. "Since when is touting our country's mili-

tary and supporting its occupations of other nations the mainstay of Canada Day celebrations?" Fink asked.

Fink said people had to exit under an archway made up of two giant converging guns. She was embarrassed to imagine what tourists were thinking. "It goes against the image we're trying to portray," she said. "The last time I checked, our anthem sings, 'Our home and native land,' not 'Bombs bursting in air.'"

Lt.-Cmdr. Nathalie Garcia said the display was part of the military's effort to keep the public educated about its role.

## Harper to meet the Pope

**POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to meet with Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to Italy next week for the G-8 summit.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office would not confirm the meeting.

But the Toronto Star has learned a special audience is in the works, with the

scheduling still to be worked out.

Harper is not Catholic, but an active member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, an evangelical Protestant denomination.

In Ottawa, he attends the East Gate Alliance Church in the city's east end.

The Prime Minister rarely discusses his religious beliefs.

When asked, he describes himself publicly as a devout "Protestant."

And he usually stresses that his views as an economist, not his religious beliefs, shape his views "on most things."

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Wild sheep on the remote Scottish island of Hirta are shrinking, and scientists blame global warming. Soay sheep are on average five per cent smaller than 25 years ago, an indication climate change can have a rapid effect on natural populations and a sign of possible more widespread changes in future, researchers said on Thursday. **REUTERS**

# World

## Rome restaurant in hot soup



Italian authorities have shut down a historic Rome restaurant days after it charged a Japanese couple nearly 700 euros (\$988 US) for a seafood lunch to become an unwitting symbol of tourist rip-offs in the capital. The tourists filed a fraud complaint with police after being surprised with the bill for downing pasta and lobster with wine and gelato at the 149-year-old Il Passetto restaurant just off the popular Piazza Navona square.

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### News in brief

**ASIA** North Korea test-fired four short-range missiles Thursday, further stoking already high regional tension

due to its nuclear test and threats to boost its nuclear arsenal in response to UN sanctions. **REUTERS**

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## U.S. launches offensive

Marines storm Afghanistan's Helmand River valley

**Thousands of U.S. Marines stormed deep into Taliban territory in an Afghan valley Thursday, marking the start of a major new effort by the Obama administration to regain the initiative in the war.**

The Marines met little resistance on day one of Operation Khanjar, or Strike of the Sword, to seize almost all the lower Helmand River valley, heartland of the Taliban insurgency and the world's biggest opium poppy producing region.

One U.S. Marine was killed and several others were wounded during the day, the Marines said in a statement, adding that they had not received any confirmed reports of civilian casualties or damage to property.

### Americans hoping for tipping point

• The operation marks the first big test of Washington's new regional strategy to defeat the Taliban and its allies and stabilize Afghanistan. The 10,000

U.S. Marines in Helmand Province, 8,500 of whom arrived in the past two months, form the biggest wave of an escalation ordered by Obama.

The Taliban vowed that thousands of militants would fight back against the offensive by U.S. forces backed by Afghan and British troops.

The Marines said they anticipated violence would rise in the days ahead.

"I expect we are going to see enemy pretty soon," said Capt. Junwei Sun, commander of a unit which moved into the village of Sorkhdoz.

In swiftly seizing and holding onto so much of

the Helmand valley, U.S. commanders hope to accomplish what overstretched NATO troops have failed to achieve over several years, and help secure Afghanistan for an Aug. 20 presidential election.

But launching such a bold operation carries great risk.

A protracted, bloody fight could erode support for the war in the United States, among its NATO allies and Afghans. **REUTERS**

## Amnesty report rips Israel, Hamas

**MIDDLE EAST** Amnesty International said on Thursday Israel inflicted "wanton destruction" in the Gaza Strip in attacks that often targeted Palestinian civilians during an offensive in December and January in the Hamas-run enclave. The London-based rights group, in a 117-page report on the 22 days of fighting, also criticized the Islamist movement Hamas for rocket attacks on Israel, which it called "war crimes." Among other conclusions, Amnesty said it found no evidence to support Israeli claims that Gaza guerrillas deliberately used civilians as human shields, but it did, however, cite evidence that Israeli troops put children and other civilians in harm's way by forcing them to remain in homes taken over by soldiers. **REUTERS**

## Air France plane hit sea intact

**CRASH** The Air France plane that crashed into the Atlantic last month hit the water intact and at high speed but was missing for six hours before an emergency was declared, French investigators said on Thursday.

Evidence from wreckage indicates the plane was broken apart by impact with the water, which it struck

facing forwards.

"The plane was not destroyed while it was in flight.

"It seems to have hit the surface of the water in the direction of flight and with a strong vertical acceleration," said Alain Bouillard, who is leading the investigation on behalf of France's BEA air accident board.

**REUTERS**

## India Gay rights landmark



Bollywood actress Celina Jaitley, middle, poses with a transgender, right, and gay rights activist during a news conference in Mumbai. An Indian court Thursday ruled gay sex was not a crime, a verdict that will bolster demands by gay and health groups that the government scrap a British colonial law which bans homosexual sex.

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### News in brief

**COUP** Honduras' ousted finance minister said on Thursday she expects to return to office with deposed President Manuel Zelaya and showed up as her country's delegate at a meeting of regional economic leaders in Chile. Rebeca Santos said the international community is behind Zelaya, who was thrown out of the country on Sunday in a military coup that has been widely condemned. "We will be part of President Zelaya's delegation when he returns to the country," she said.

**FRANCE** A French court handed suspended prison sentences to four people and fined two firms over an accident in 2003 in which 16 people visiting the

cruise liner Queen Mary II died when a gangway collapsed. The accident happened when construction workers and their families crowded on to the gangway during a weekend visit to the luxury liner, which was nearing completion in dockyards in the French port of St. Nazaire on the Atlantic coast. The structure collapsed and people plunged more than 15 metres to the ground. Twenty-nine people were injured.

**RUSSIA** A human rights watchdog accused the leadership of Russia's Chechnya region on Thursday of collectively punishing family members of anti-government rebels by burning down their homes and other tactics. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

# Are you ready for your golden years?

## InBusiness

Charles Davies



The storm warnings of Canada's impending pension crisis are hard to miss. Some 3.5 million of us have no workplace pension plan whatsoever. Those who do are enrolled in plans that may not be able to meet long-term commitments.

Not surprisingly, there are calls for new public pension plans, mandatory and voluntary. The idea is to supplement the incomes of retirees, whose ranks will swell as baby boomers flood into retirement. As things stand, the outlook is grim. According to HSBC Insurance, which annually surveys the global retirement scene, 83 per cent of Canadians have no real idea what their retirement income will be.

Even the bedrock of our pension system, the Canada Pension Plan, is being finetuned to reflect growing

stresses. As part of their triennial review, the federal and provincial finance ministers who oversee the CPP decided to further reduce the size of benefits taken between the ages of 60 and 65. This change will be phased in over five years, starting in 2012. Conversely, those who wait until they're between the ages of 65 and 70 to apply for the CPP will get more than before. These increases will be phased in over three years, starting in 2011. The intent, clearly, is to encourage those who can manage it to delay taking their CPP benefits as long as

## PensionSeries

(Editor's note: This is the first part of a three-part series by Charles Davies on pension plans.)

possible.

Also in 2012, the CPP will eliminate the work cessation test, which states you either stop working for the two-month period when benefits start or keep other income below \$908.75 per month, the current maximum CPP benefit. The aim is to provide benefits sooner

without financial disruption for those with lower incomes.

Despite recent criticisms over its investment performance (the CPP fund's assets dropped 14 per cent to \$105.5 billion in the latest fiscal year) and the bonuses given to managers at the CPP Investment Board, the CPP is one of the pension world's greatest successes. Since reforms stabilized the plan in the 1990s, the CPP has grown hugely on the strength of an increasingly sophisticated investment strategy. And given the current level of contributions,

investment income won't be needed to pay benefits for 11 years.

There's just one catch. The CPP is only designed to replace about 25 per cent of your pre-retirement earnings. That means you'll need other income — in entitlements like OAS and GIS, company pension plans, and personal savings — to have a comfy old age.

**Next: Why personal savings and company pensions won't fill the gap.**

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

## Views

# Mayor, council get Calgarians boiling mad

## UrbanCompass

Shawn Logan



If there's one thing guaranteed to keep a politician up all night it's a rough poll.

So Mayor Dave Bronconnier and his coterie of aldermen better get ready for some tossing and turning — the people have spoken.

An exclusive telephone poll conducted by Metro News in June took the temperature of Calgarians and those who responded were boiling hot.

Likely voters in next fall's election offered some terse advice for their three-term

mayor as to whether he should take another run at Calgary's top job.

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A staggering 56 per cent advised Bronconnier to not just step away from the mayor's chair, but leave politics altogether.

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A mere 15 per cent of the almost 1,100 respondents were willing to give the mayor another shot.

When asked if an election was held today, 59 per cent said they would check any other box than Bronconnier's with only 17 per cent saying they would vote for the once untouchable mayor.

And if aldermen feel they

will avoid the voters' wrath, which seems focused on the man at the helm, they'd better think again. Of those who responded, only 63 per cent could pick their representative out of a lineup.

And those who could were not happy.

Fewer than half (46 per cent) said they would give the incumbent another chance, while 38 per cent said they likely would vote for another candidate — any candidate.

Since the 2007 election, in which a record three incumbents were fired, council has done little to make itself popular with grumbling voters.

Despite turbulent economic times, council approved a 5.3 per cent tax hike for 2009, opted to charge transit users who

use LRT park and ride lots, and on top of all that, agreed to take a healthy 5.5 per cent raise while many in the city are facing wage freezes and layoffs.

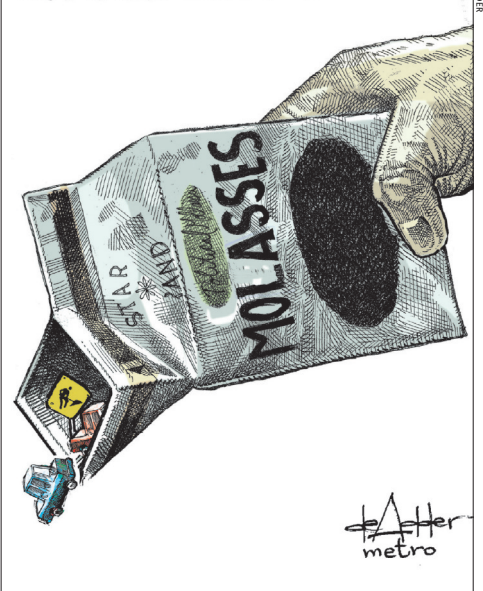
The one poll number that may be even more worrying than the apparent disdain for how council has purported itself is how many Calgarians no longer care.

More than 14,000 live respondents picked up the phone and of those who answered, only 1,100 identified themselves as likely voters.

The natives are restless. And clearly the mayor and his council colleagues should be as well.

Shawn Logan is a veteran municipal affairs reporter who covered Calgary city hall for three years after working at a number of publications in southern Alberta.

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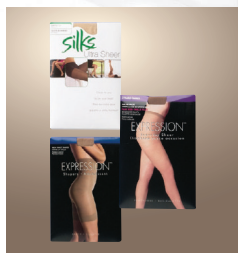
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## Delinquency rate leaps 19%

**More than half a million Canadians have fallen behind on credit payments, fuelling a 19 per cent rise in the average national delinquency rate in the one-year period ending May 31, 2009, says a report from Equifax Canada.**

The credit bureau called the jump "alarming," noting the average delinquency rate for Canada hit 1.52 per cent at the end of May. A lot of the trouble stemmed from missed payments on credit card bills and for sales finance purchases of items such as furniture.

Equifax defines delinquent bills as those at least 90 days overdue. The report comes just days after a Senate committee released a report urging the federal gov-

### Double-digit rise

- Credit card and sales finance purchases have risen by 38 per cent and 58 per cent, respectively, since May 2008, the report said.

ernment to take action to shield consumers and small businesses from rising interest rates and fees.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty continues to review all input on credit cards, a spokesperson said. While his office gave no timeline, Pierrette Ringuette, the Liberal senator who spearheaded the study, appeared to up the ante Thursday by vowing to introduce legislation if the government fails to act.

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## Air Canada union eyeing options after deal rejected

**LABOUR** Negotiators for Air Canada's biggest union are meeting on Thursday to review their options before holding talks with the airline on Friday to try to forge a contract union members will accept.

A slim majority of the workers at Air Canada — members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers — voted against a

tentative 21-month deal that would have frozen wages and pension funding. The rejection, by a slim 50.8 per cent, could jeopardize Air Canada's federal approval for a temporary freeze on pension funding and \$60 million in loans, which analysts say are critical to help the debt-laden airline avoid a second bankruptcy filing in six years. **REUTERS**

### Business in brief

**AUTO** Ford Motor Co. of Canada was the No.1-selling automaker in the country for the first time in 50 years as it posted a 25 per cent jump in sales in June over a year earlier, the company said Thursday. Ford Canada sold 27,408 vehicles in June, marking its first year-over-year sales increase of 2009, and its eighth month in a

row of market share gain. **TAKEOVER** Magna's board of directors is set to approve on Tuesday a plan for the acquisition of German carmaker Opel, two sources said on Thursday. The Canadian auto parts supplier and Opel parent General Motors expect to resolve the last few issues holding up the takeover by July 7. **REUTERS**

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# Calgary Stampede



Sophia Ritz, 17, and Chase Gartner, 17, both take in one of the finest funnel cakes offered at the Calgary Stampede — as the 2009 Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth opens up to sweeten the summer for what's hoped to be over a million visitors this year.

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## Calgary Stampede

### Stampede music lineup

#### Coca-Cola Stage

##### JULY 3

2 p.m. & 5 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes  
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##### JULY 4

2 p.m. & 5 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes  
Noon & 3:30 p.m.: REPLAY The Beatles  
9 p.m.: Saving Abel

##### JULY 5

(Petro-Canada Family Day)  
11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.: The Doodlebops  
2 p.m. & 5 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes  
8 p.m.: Eva Avila, right  
9:15 p.m.: Divine Brown



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#### Nashville North Stage

##### JULY 3

Between 1 p.m. & 8 p.m.: Karen Lee Batten and Justin Ament  
9 p.m.: Adam Gregory  
11 p.m. & 12:15 a.m.: Craig Moritz

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## Grandstand gets facelift

Reformatted show features wide variety of performers

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**What do So You Think You Can Dance Calgary alumni Allie Bertram and Miles Faber, singer Suzie McNeil, Cirque de Soleil, Young Canadians, the Wheel of Death and Bollywood themes all have in common?**

They are all part of a bigger and better Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show, organizers say.

"It's reformatted and there is new staging, more interaction with the audience and a wide variety of performances," spokesperson Marise Auffray said.

"There will be people suspended in air and a 'Wheel of Death' doing really cool things."

And there is no better way to end your night than with the endless thrills of the show, she added.



Calgary's Allie Bertram and Miles Faber from So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

"There is definitely something for everyone," she said.

"It's a little edgier than shows we have had in the past. It's going to be a lot of fun."

There will be performances by Bertram, Faber, McNeil and comedian Sugar Sammy, as well as solo



Suzie McNeil will be performing every night in the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show.

**"It's a little edgier than shows we have had in the past. It's going to be a lot of fun."**

Marise Auffray

performances by the Young Canadians. The TransAlta Light Up The Night fireworks display will finish the entire show off.

Calgarian Dana Anderson, 24, said she has never been to a Grandstand show before even though she lives in the city, but

snapped up tickets for this year's show.

"I think it sounds a lot more appealing to me than it has in the past. I just thought it's a really good variety of shows and I think it will be fun," she said.

Tickets for the show range from \$36.50 to \$92.50.

## Stampede adds wider pathways, more bike spaces

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Stampede virgins and veterans will find a new and improved Calgary Stampede when they hit the park over the next 10 days, according to Stampede officials.

Wider pathways and more space to walk are just two of the features park officials say will make Stampede-goers' experiences more enjoyable.

"We made it easier to get around and get through the park," said Dan Finley, Stampede programming manager. "Visitors can enjoy more open spaces to walk and more breathing space."

Besides more walking room, Finley thinks visitors will take advantage of the additional bicycle parking spaces.

"It's perfectly located by the Olympic gates and it's free to park," Finley added.

But perhaps the biggest additions are the Midway Circus, the Bell Getaway and the Western Oasis, he said.

"We think they will be really popular venues." Bicycle enthusiast Nancy Peters said she is happy the Calgary Stampede is offering more bike parking.

"I think it's good that they are making the effort, I remember in the past there weren't a lot of spaces to place the bikes."



The Calgary Stampede is offering more bike parking.

### What's new at the Bell Getaway?

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## Calgary Stampede

# Fashion gets a leg up

Giddy up for family fun at this weekend's Stampede

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From classic western to young, urban chic, the Calgary Stampede store has something for everyone to make this year's 10-day rodeo the best-looking outdoor show on Earth.

Calgary Stampede merchandise manager Victoria Austin said this year's hot and popular looks will combine classic and simple with urban and chic.

"You can throw a nice pair of jeans with a white shirt, and from there add the buckle, the hat and

some nice boots, and you've got yourself a great outfit," she said, adding it's all about the accessories.

"You can mix and match different looks and we really do have something for everyone's tastes, from adults to young folks, and for kids there are some really adorable outfits."

Hats and buckles are always a popular accessory, not to mention cowboy boots, and there are many to choose from, she added.

Austin thinks a lot of the younger, edgier influences are due to the influx of young and hip country singers.

**"It's just a very fresh and young look. It's edgy and fun, people can choose from anything and then add their own personal style to it."**

Victoria Austin



Models strut their stuff at a fashion show yesterday. There are many cowboy boots to choose from at the Stampede store.

"I think it's just a very fresh and young look. It's edgy and fun, people can choose from anything and then add their own personalized style to it."

The Calgary Stampede store is open all-year round, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The CORE also presented a Stampede fashion show yesterday along Stephen Avenue at noon, featuring an assortment of the hottest in denim, urban and western attire.

## Parade kicks off new tradition for family

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Having never been to the Calgary Stampede before, one Calgary family is starting a new tradition, beginning today with the parade.

Michele Zhang, who has been living in Calgary for a couple of years, was joined

by her family from China last year and they have never experienced the thrills and throes of the Stampede. They are excited to make it a new family affair, Zhang said.

"We have our little girl now too; she is a year-and-a-half now, so we wanted to bring her to the parade (today). We think she will really

like it, she likes stuff like that," Zhang said.

Zhang will also be bringing

her 10-year-old son and her mother, both of whom have never seen anything like the Calgary Stampede before.

"They are really excited, especially my son."

"He is just happy to be able to see everything the stampede is about. We think the parade is a good start."

### If you want to go

• The parade begins at 6th Ave. and 3rd St. SE, and finishes at 9th Ave. and 4th St. SE. It starts at 8:55 a.m.

### Metro asks: How long would you be willing to wait in line at the Stampede for Nashville North?

**Kim Munchrath**  
age 26

A: If it were sunny out and I was meeting people inside or I really wanted to see something, I would wait for an hour.

**Jeff Walburger**  
age 35

A: I wouldn't wait at all because there are other places to drink anyways. I try to avoid the Stampede grounds and hit the other parties.

**Garrett**  
age 24

A: I haven't been to the Stampede grounds in six years. I'm probably too impatient to wait in line at all.

**Jo Noad**  
age 25

A: I actually wouldn't wait because it's not really my scene anymore. It's too rowdy, too many people.

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**Nestor back in Wimbledon doubles final**

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic are a win away from celebrating their second straight men's doubles title at Wimbledon. The second-seeded defending champions will face top-seeded American twins Mike and Bob Bryan in the final Saturday.

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# Sports



## Back to Mannywood

Manny Ramirez, left, is set to return to Major League Baseball Friday night after serving a 50-game suspension for violating the league's drug policy. The National League West-leading L.A. Dodgers were 21-8 before Man-Ram's suspension and have gone 29-21 since.

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# All-Williams final again

Venus, Serena face off for Wimbledon title for second straight year

**Sport's most enduring sibling rivalry will be played out on U.S. Independence Day after Venus Williams exacted brutal revenge and Serena Williams displayed raw desire to inflict a double defeat on Russia at Wimbledon.**

The American sisters will be setting off fireworks on women's final day for the second year running at the All England Club, but on Thursday Serena came within a heartbeat of missing out on the Fourth of July celebrations.

At 4-5, 30-40 down in the deciding set, Serena was staring defeat head on as Elena Dementieva stood one point away from reaching her first Wimbledon final.

Instead, a split second's hesitation by the Russian allowed Serena to hit a wobbly backhand volley off the tape and the American snatched her get-out-of-jail free card to crawl over the finishing line with a 6-7, 7-5, 8-6 win over the fourth seed.

Clocking in at two hours and 50 minutes, it was the longest women's semifinal match at Wimbledon since records started being kept in 1969.

Venus Williams

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"It's definitely one of my more dramatic victories. I felt like I was down pretty much the whole match. To come out on top was, you know, a great feeling. I wanted to win really bad," Serena told reporters.

While little sister Serena had to fight tooth-and-nail to survive a match that showed off everything that is good about women's tennis, Venus proved that there is still a gulf between her and the rest of the women's field at

Wimbledon when she walloped clueless top seed Dinara Safina 6-1, 6-0.

Safina's ranking as world No. 1 looked like a statistical error as she suffered the ignominy of suffering the most lopsided semifinal defeat since Billie Jean King beat Rosie Casals by the same score 40 years ago.

The Russian sprayed errors long and wide to fold in just 51 minutes.

Grilled about whether she deserves the top ranking after her outing, Safina could only say: "It's definitely disappointing, finishing the match less than one hour and winning only one game ... I have to swallow this defeat, but it's not the end of the world."

REUTERS

## Sports in brief

**MAPLE LEAFS** Mikhail Grabovski will be back with the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Belarusian forward signed an \$8.7-million US, three-year deal with the Maple Leafs on Thursday. That averages out to \$2.9 million per season — a big raise on the \$850,000 he earned last year.

**THRASHERS** Nik Antropov has cashed in with the Atlanta Thrashers. The big centre signed a \$16-million US, four-year contract with the Thrashers, joining his third different team since March. Antropov spent the first nine years of his career with the Toronto Maple Leafs before being dealt to the New York Rangers at the trade deadline.

**BAY** Canadian left-fielder Jason Bay married an American, has two American daughters and makes his living playing America's pastime. The 30-year-old from Trail, B.C., was among 360 people to become U.S. citizens Thursday in Boston.

**DEFECTED** A top Cuban pitching prospect with a 100 m.p.h. fast-

ball has defected from the national team while playing in a tournament in Rotterdam, Netherlands. ESPN The Magazine reports that several unidentified sources confirmed that Aroldis Chapman walked out of his hotel room and did not return.

**SWARM** A Thursday game between the Houston Astros and San Diego Padres was delayed for 52 minutes as a swarm of bees took over part of left field. The swarm eventually centred around a jacket on a chair near the stands and fans were evacuated from several sections near the swarm. A beekeeper had to be called in to spray down the jacket before the game could resume.

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# Travel



## Best beaches

Florida beaches have grabbed the top three spots on TripAdvisor's ranking of the best U.S. beaches. Pinellas County's Fort De Soto Park near St. Petersburg came in at No. 1; the Florida Keys' Bahia Honda State Park was No. 2; and Panama City's St. Andrew's State Park was No. 3. Two other Florida beaches, Siesta Beach and Cape Florida State Park, recently made the annual top 10 list from Dr. Stephen Leatherman, a.k.a. Dr. Beach. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# The rise of the babymoon

## Up-market hotels increasingly cater to maternity holidays

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Metro World News

One of the first things people say when you tell them that you're expecting a baby is that you must immediately book your final exotic holiday before your life changes forever.

It's overdramatic to suggest that having a baby means you'll never have another exciting vacation in your life. However it is a good time for expectant parents to spend time together, stock up on some sleep, have someone else do the cooking and visit some sights that will be less practical to navigate with a baby buggy.

People have different ideas of what they'd like to do on their last child-free holiday with partner or best friend, depending on how anxious or adventurous they're feeling.

Do you want to lounge on a faraway beach, have your last crazy adventure or splash out on a luxurious romantic break?

You could indulge in your favourite sport or rest somewhere low-key and reassuringly close to home.

There are some practical



Left, actress Jessica Leccia at the Destination Maternity's flagship store in New York. Right, relaxing at Little Palm Island's spa.

considerations, however. In the first trimester pregnant women can suffer from morning sickness, phenomenal tiredness and weird food cravings; and in the last trimester they not only feel huge, but they're exhausted, too.

So the ideal time to go is during the middle three months. Most airlines let you fly until 36 weeks, but will ask for a letter from your doctor after week 28.

You might fancy trekking in the middle of the jungle, but remember

that pregnant women can't take malaria pills and you might want to be somewhere near reasonable medical facilities. And even if the mother-to-be is no longer slave to her cravings, you don't want to go anywhere where you might get food poisoning.

I took my first babymoon with my oldest friend, who lives in Washington, D.C. and was 27 weeks pregnant. She suggested an expedition to Peru until I asked how she'd feel if she went into labour at high altitude in the Andes, far away from her nice obstetrician.

My holiday choices were more restricted; pregnant by about 10 weeks, I could only face eating hamburgers or apples. This made Miami the ideal destination, with its mix of glamour, shopping, beaches,



**"(My friend) suggested an expedition to Peru until I asked how she'd feel if she went into labour at high altitude in the Andes."**

good weather, access to superlative medical care — thanks to its population of wealthy pensioners — and of course, top quality burgers. In Miami we gave a nod to our Sex and the City days by shopping at American Apparel and sipping virgin cocktails on the rooftop bar of the trendy Gansevoort hotel.

Then we headed down the Florida Keys to the ultimate babymoon destination, Little Palm Island. An idyllic retreat on a tiny private island surrounded by the azure waters of the Caribbean, it offers fabulous food, a pool, activities from fishing to kayaking and snorkelling and a pampering spa with maternity

massages on the menu, that can form part of one of their babymoon packages; [littlepalmisland.com](http://littlepalmisland.com).

The so-called babymoon is a big trend with up-market hotels and there are plenty of indulgent packages you can book. Take a city break in Vienna and book the Luxury Before Birth package at The Ring hotel, which includes two nights in a top room, massages for both parents, a limousine tour through Vienna and gifts; [theringhotel.com](http://theringhotel.com).

In London there's the Mum to Be package at the Metropolitan Hotel which includes a free tote bag and hydrating mist, pregnancy massage and break-

fast; [metropolitan.como.bz](http://metropolitan.como.bz).

Alternatively, book a specialist Mama Mio treatment or sign up for a Relax & Indulge overnight stay at the gorgeous, wood-panelled Brown's Hotel in Mayfair, which involves a relaxing aromatherapy for Daddy-to-be and a Mellow Mama massage for the mother to be; [rocco.fortecollection.com](http://rocco.fortecollection.com). For a romantic break in the English countryside explore the breathtaking UNESCO-listed city of Bath then relax at beautiful country house hotel Lucknam Park and enjoy one of the Anne Semonin mother-to-be face and body treatments in their new spa; [lucknam-park.co.uk](http://lucknam-park.co.uk).

If you're looking for something more exotic, chill out with expert pregnancy spa treatments at boutique hotel Thalassa in Cyprus, [thalassa.com.cy](http://thalassa.com.cy), or babymoon at Montpelier Plantation on the Caribbean island of Nevis, with candlelit dinners overlooking the island of St. Kitts, a romantic picnic on the hotel's private beach, a tour of Nevis and massages for both of you; [montpeliernevis.com](http://montpeliernevis.com).

If you're on a budget, create your own babymoon and book a spa treatment independently. Massages are great for relaxing your mind and soothing your ever-stretching skin, but only if they're tailored with products and techniques that are safe for your bump.

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# Movies & Entertainment

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## Movies

### The joker

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Sacha Baron Cohen has made a one-man industry out of skewering stereotypes, adopting personas — like Ali G, Borat and, most recently, Bruno — and disrupting American ideals while milking major laughs in the process. But you'd be as wrong as those hotpants if you thought he launched this comedic tradition; it can actually be traced back to the '40s.

## Movies

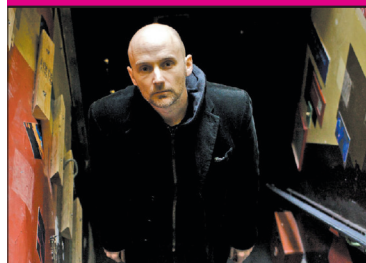
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Sacha Baron Cohen returns as the titular gay Austrian fashionista in *Bruno*, coming to theatres next week.

# Guerrilla guffaws

## Brüno's prankish conceit has many precedents

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
for Metro Canada

It's a proven fact that Sacha Baron Cohen takes few prisoners in his go-for-broke quest for laughs. The British-born enfant terrible has made a cottage industry out of skewering stereotypes, adopting personas — like Ali G and Borat — and disrupting American ideals while milking major laughs in the process.

His new film, the eagerly anticipated and much-hyped *Brüno* sees Cohen essaying his third most popular character — the flamboyantly gay fashionista — setting him loose upon the planet's most pretentious catwalks and the back alleys of conservative society to raise all manner of reality-bending hell.

It's a prankish conceit that Cohen may have per-

fectured but by no means invented. A casual look at pop culture history reveals a cavalcade of media terrorists who delighted in pulling the wool over the eyes of polite and not-so-polite society.

**CANDID CAMERA** Though the practical joke's origins probably dates back to the Stone Age, it was in the 1940s that a comedian named Allen Funt created the ABC radio show *Candid Microphone*. Every week, Funt and his friends would hide a recording device in a covert location and trick pun-dits into falling for elaborate fictional gags. Later, when TV reared its head, Funt adapted, creating the long-running and highly influential show *Candid Camera*.

**FUNNY MEN** Later, in the 1970s, controversial comedian Andy Kaufman took the shtick to another, more

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### Movie feature

**STING OPERATIONS** And, in many ways, filmmaker Michael Moore, with his high-minded agenda pictures, manages to set up his victims with elaborate "sting" operations just like Funt did, though his aim is to ignite a dose of outrage to accompany a darker strain of laughter.

When the dust settles and the smoke clears though, it's Cohen who has truly created an art form out of the camera prank shtick — but for how long can he keep it up?

With the Ali G and Borat characters already exhausted, after *Brüno*, will there be anyone alive ignorant enough of his legacy enough to fool?

• *Brüno* hits theatres next week.

# Woody Allen as sharp as ever

## Whatever Works

**Director:** Woody Allen  
**Stars:** Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood  
**Classification:** PG-13  
**Rating:** ●●●●

ANNE BRODIE  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** Woody Allen has finally rediscovered his mojo and pulled off one of his best films in years. He's back in New York after a couple of soggy Eurotrash outings, as robust and inventive as he's ever been. And Larry David, as the central character and a newer model of the master, is perfection; Allen appears to hand him his mantle. Not only does David seamlessly sub for Allen but he's hysterical in his own right. They're Hollywood's hottest new couple, and as sharp as it gets these days.

David is Boris Yellnikoff, a younger, sexier malcontent, a scathingly hilarious but unforgiving moaner, who "sees everything" and so is able to break the cinematic fourth wall to address the audience directly. He immediately shares his primary belief — that life is "whatever works."

His café friends wonder

who he's talking to as he delivers his big monologue, because they don't see "us." Don't worry, Boris tells them. "They're here to see me." And he's right, David's the draw. He's the real deal, delivering Allen's dense script with zing.

Boris is a bitter string theorist, who was once nearly nominated for the Nobel Prize. He apparently married to "quell the panic" but that too flopped. When he failed at suicide, he "moved downtown and gave up." He's a study in contrasts, the life of the party and a self-righteous hater of people ("inchworms and cretins"). He craves isolation but he doesn't find it.

A Southern teenager named Melodie St. Ann Celestine (Wood) shows up on Boris' doorstep looking for food. He lets her in, against everything he stands for, but starts to feel twinges of life rising. He's a 'genius' and she's 'stupid', but they develop a bond.

Allen has renewed his cachet in this, his 42nd film. He's back with New York, his longest-lasting, truest love. The city may be filled with inchworms and cretins and the occasional genius, but they are inchworms and cretins and geniuses Allen understands.

Evan Rachel Wood and Larry David star in *Whatever Works*.Gael García Bernal goes for the laughs in *Rudo Y Cursi*.

# Tambien team shows the funny in Rudo

## Rudo Y Cursi

**Director:** Carlos Cuarón  
**Stars:** Gael García Bernal, Diego Luna  
**Classification:** STC  
**Rating:** ●●●●

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** *Rudo Y Cursi* represents the reunion of three powerhouses of Mexican cinema: The writer and stars

of Y Tu Mama Tambien, Carlos Cuarón, Gael García Bernal, and Diego Luna.

Perhaps inevitably, the movie doesn't live up to the standard set by that contemporary classic, but it is certainly a very entertaining (if somewhat disposable) film in its own right.

Rather than playing horny teenagers, Bernal and Luna play impoverished young men with delusions of grandeur and a maturity

level roughly on par with their earlier characters.

Bernal and Luna star as Tato and Beto, two slum dwelling half-brothers with dreams of achieving stardom as a singer and soccer player respectively. A mysterious soccer scout comes to town (Guillermo Francella, also doubling as the film's narrator) and scoops up Tato, getting him a spot on a professional soccer team. Beto soon joins his brother and the

two become instant celebrities on the field, but quickly lose it all.

Tato tries to focus on a failing music career (highlighted by his hilariously tacky cover of I Want You To Want Me), while Beto gets into cocaine and gambling. Although soccer is the driving force in the movie, the film is really about the characters and the only time the sport even appears on screen is when it's necessary for the

narrative.

Writer Cuarón steps behind the camera for the first time and while he doesn't display the same visionary talent as his brother Alfonso (Children Of Men), he does show plenty of promise that should develop in future films. It might not exactly be groundbreaking filmmaking, but *Rudo Y Cursi* does offer proof that subtitles don't always signal a boring movie.



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## Reel Time

★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

# Dinosaurs, as you like them

## InFocus

Richard Crouse

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**M**ovie dinosaurs come in all forms. As screen characters — from Jurassic Park's terrifying T-Rexes to the cute and cuddly baby dinos of this weekend's Ice Age: The Dawn of the Dinosaurs — they are as versatile as they are extinct.

Just as varied are the methods used to bring the prehistoric behemoths to big screen life.

The first film dinosaur was a pen-and-ink creature seen in a fanciful 1908 British film called Prehistoric Man. In it a caveman sketch comes alive and

threatens its creator. The artist survives by drawing a picture of a dinosaur, which also comes to life and eats the prehistoric man.

Another of the original celluloid dinosaurs was Gertie the Dinosaur. Released in 1914, the film featured 10,000 hand-drawn images to animate the tango-dancing Apatosaurus.

After Gertie, pen and ink animated dinosaurs remained popular for the next seventy years in everything from 1915's Stone Age Adventure to 1988's Land Before Time.

The word dinosaur means "fearfully-great lizard" so it makes sense that lizards have frequently subbed for their vanished cousins on celluloid.

A 1914 film called On Moonshine Mountain tried to pass off geckos as dinosaurs while 1940's One Million B.C. dressed up lizards with cardboard fins for a more "realistic" dinosaur appearance. D.W.

**"Perhaps people's fascination with prehistoric life has something to do with bridging fantasy with reality."**

Ray Harryhausen

Griffith tried for a more menacing look, using an alligator dressed up as a dino for his two-reeler Brute Force, which described the great beasts as "one of the perils of prehistoric apartment life."

Other methods of crafting on-screen dinos include the old "man in a rubber suit" trick (pioneered by cheapo producer Roger Corman in Voyage to the Prehistoric Planet but perfected by Toho Studios in the Godzilla films) and the wondrous stop motion animation of Willis O'Brien (The Lost World) and Ray

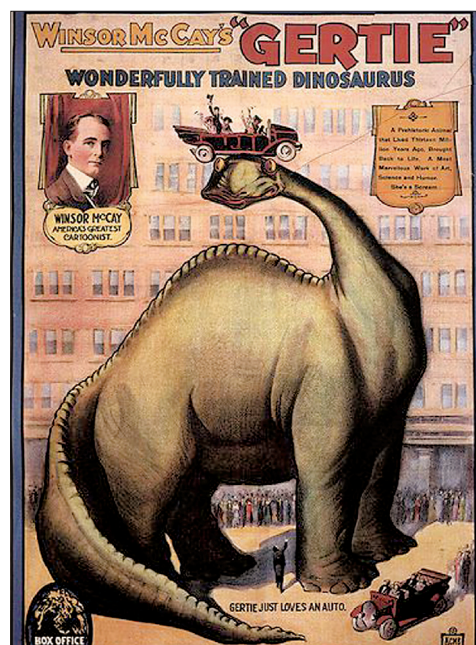
Harryhausen (The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms) but the biggest and baddest show biz dinosaurs sprung from the mind of Steven Spielberg (and the computers of his animators).

Even though Jurassic Park's binary code velociraptors and triceratopses weren't biologically accurate and didn't exist during the Jurassic days (most didn't live until the Cretaceous period) they were the loudest and proudest dinos the movies had ever seen.

Hundreds of films have featured dinosaurs and audiences never seem to tire of them, but why?

"Perhaps people's fascination with prehistoric life has something to do with bridging fantasy with reality," offers Harryhausen. "They are connected with the shadowy key to our mysterious origin."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; [mrcrouse33@hotmail.com](mailto:mrcrouse33@hotmail.com).



Gertie the Dinosaur was one of the original celluloid dinosaurs.

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## Hollywood tapping into hipster market

Batten down the hatches — the hipsters are coming.

Even as Hollywood studios increasingly aim at the broadest possible audience, a few companies are experimenting with the opposite approach in these summer months and beyond: They're making smart, quirky movies for a sophisticated young audience.

The pics are trying to be the next Garden State, a 2004 film that, like other hipster pics, can be generally defined as trafficking in moody music, casual style and characters who are disaffected.

But to succeed, these films will need to compete in a more difficult market than Garden State did only five years ago — and do even bigger business than that picture's \$27 million.

Perhaps the most prominent example of the form is Fox Searchlight's upcoming breakup comedy-drama (500) Days of Summer, Marc Webb's subtle, funny and uncharacteristically guy-centric view of modern romance. The film opens July 17 in limited release.

Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a reflective young man and Zooey Deschanel



Stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel arrive at the premiere of the hipster-friendly (500) Days of Summer.

as his ethereal, sometimes unattainable love interest, the movie was one of the breakout hits at Sundance this year.

But even by the standards of Searchlight — which with films like Garden State and Juno has elevated hipster marketing to an art form — Summer's most appealing aspects are moments of quirky, contextual comedy and its mood of melancholy, not exactly the kind of stuff that plays well as you dig into your popcorn waiting for the feature to begin.

"This movie is particular-

ly challenging to put forward in a 30-second spot or even a two-minute trailer," says Fox Searchlight president Nancy Utley.

The specialty division has thus staged a remarkably prolific screening campaign. Since its Sundance premiere, the movie has travelled to 28 festivals and played 215 word-of-mouth screenings. Searchlight also staged a six-city June 21 giveaway of food and other merchandise at retailers, watching as Twitter and Facebook fuelled the events' popularity.

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**Coraline** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10  
**Drag Me to Hell** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50  
**Earth** (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25  
**Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:35-9:20  
**Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:55  
**I Love You, Man** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:55-7:10-10  
**Land of the Lost** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:05-9:40  
**Monsters vs. Aliens** (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7  
**Race to Witch Mountain** (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-6:50  
**State of Play** (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30  
**Sunshine Cleaning** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-9:35  
**Terminator Salvation** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:05  
**X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-5-7:20-9:45

## CROWFOOT CROSSING

91 Crowfoot Terrace, 403-547-3316

**Forever Plaid** (STC) Thu 8  
**The Hangover** (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10  
**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs** (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:25-9:45  
**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D** (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-2:30-5-7:30-10  
**My Sister's Keeper** (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-6:50-9:40 Wed 4-6:50-9:40 Thu 1-4-6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1  
**The Proposal** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:15-10:05  
**Public Enemies** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:20  
**Star Trek** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:30-7:35-10:30 Thu 12:50-4:30-10:40  
**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12:12-30-3:30-3:50-6:30-7:20-9:50-10:15-10:35  
**Up** (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:45-9:30  
**Year One** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:50-10:25

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**The Proposal** (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:45-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 2:45-7:30-10  
**Public Enemies** (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-3-6:30-9:45 No Passes



Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, the sequel to Michael Bay's 2007 international mega-hit Transformers, is in theatres now.

Mon-Thu 3-6:30-9:45  
**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen** (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3-7:10-15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:15  
**Whatever Works** (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-7:15-9:30

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**The Hangover** (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:10  
**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs** (G) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3-6:35-9:15  
**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D** (G) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:45  
**Kambakkht Ishq** (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:55-10:15  
**My Sister's Keeper** (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7-9:50 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:50  
**The Proposal** (PG) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10-10  
**Public Enemies** (14A) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:05-12:35-3:25-3:55-6:45-7:15-9:55-10:30 No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:05-12:35-3:25-3:55-6:45-7:15-

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**Star Trek** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:50-9:45  
**The Taking of Pelham 123** (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:25-10:05  
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**Year One** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4-10-7:30

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**Easy Virtue** (PG) Fri 7-10-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3-20-7-10-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20

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**17 Again** (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:55-9:45  
**Dance Flick** (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10  
**Drag Me to Hell** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:10-9:55  
**Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-7:10:05  
**Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:40  
**Land of the Lost** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:05-10

**Monsters vs. Aliens** (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:40  
**New York** (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:15  
**Terminator Salvation** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:35  
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## Entertainment

### Carradine died of asphyxiation

**PEOPLE** The medical examiner who oversaw a private autopsy on David Carradine said Wednesday that the Kung Fu star died from asphyxiation and the way the actor's body was bound allowed him to rule out suicide. Carradine was found hanging in the closet of his Bangkok hotel suite on June 4 and his family hired a New York-based forensic pathologist to conduct a follow-up death investigation.

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Michael Jackson's brother Jermaine Jackson (pictured) says reports of the late pop star's drug use hurt his family.

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# Jermaine wishes it was him instead

**Jermaine Jackson said on Thursday that when he first saw his brother, pop star Michael Jackson, dead in a hospital room he kissed him on the forehead and wished that he had died instead.**

"I don't know how people are going to take this, but I wish it was me," Jermaine

said on the Today morning talk show on NBC television.

"I've always felt that I was his backbone; someone to — someone to be there for him," said Jermaine, who with Michael and three other brothers formed the Motown band the Jackson 5 and who is four years older than Michael.

they don't have the facts to is very damaging to the family, to me, to us, because we don't know," he said.

"Michael has always been a person who was against anything like that. But I'm not saying it's right, because it's not right, but in this business the pressures and things that you go through, you never know

what one turn(s) to," Jermaine said.

He noted that Michael Jackson underwent a physical exam before starting rehearsals and had been cleared by doctors.

In a will that surfaced Wednesday,

Michael Jackson nominated his 79-year-old mother, Katherine Jackson,

to care for his three children in the event of his death, and Jermaine said the family matriarch was capable of handling the responsibility.

"I thought it was a great will because the children are fine, my mother's the perfect person to be there, and it's definitely him," Jermaine Jackson said.

He also said Jackson's Neverland Valley Ranch in central California would make the perfect, final resting place for his brother.

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### Custody battle

• Debbie Rowe, the mother of Jackson's two eldest children, told NBC4 television in Los Angeles she would seek custody of the kids, setting the stage for a legal tussle with Jackson's parents. "I want my children," Rowe said in a telephone interview with NBC4. Temporary guardianship was granted to Jackson's mother, Katherine.

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Speculation has swirled in the media that the 50-year-old pop star was abusing prescription drugs and perhaps intravenous drugs ahead of comeback concerts this month in London.

An official autopsy has been performed but toxicology tests won't be ready for weeks. Results of a private autopsy by a Jackson family doctor have not been released.

Jermaine Jackson said reports of Michael Jackson's possible drug use hurt his family. "For people to come forth and say things that

## FRIDAY

CA	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3 CFCN	Corner Gas	Hollywood	Spectacle: Elvis	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Castle (HDTV)	The Simpsons	King	News (N)
-	-	4 OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight	Surviving Sub. (Goode Family)	According-Jim	According-Jim	According-Jim	Metropia
245	306	6 CBRT	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force	Wild Roses (DVS)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Stampede	News Hour
244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Ent. Tonight	NUMB3RS "Velocity"	The Unit "M.P.s"	Mental "Rainy Days" (N)	Out There	Out There	Your City
246	-	8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU	Man Tracker	The Doctors	Cowboys (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV)	Flashpoint (HDTV)	Flashpoint (HDTV)	NUMB3RS
-	372	12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Being Served	P.O.V.
-	374	14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC	News (N)
-	370	16 KHQ	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Mental "Rainy Days" (N)	CBC News: The National	fifth estate	Cooper 360
502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live (N)	CBC News: the fifth estate	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	Larry King Live	CTV News	CTV News	News
500	500	29 CNN	CTV News Tonight	CFL Football BC Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders	From Mosaic Stadium in Regina	SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing	SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing	Sportsnet Con.
408	418	27 net	Soccer Canada vs. Jamaica	Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Family Biz
552	543	20 YTV	iCarly	True Jackson	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants *** (2005, Comedy-Drama)	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Family Biz
557	541	39 FAM	Zoey 101	Jonas (N)	Sonny Chance	The Thirteenth Year *** (1999, Drama)	Going to the Mat *** (2004, Drama)	Going to the Mat *** (2004, Drama)	Going to the Mat *** (2004, Drama)	Going to the Mat *** (2004, Drama)
-	-	18 CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	The El True Hollywood Story	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	20/20 (HDTV)	20/20 (HDTV)	20/20 (HDTV)	20/20 (HDTV)
603	561	25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
615	520	26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The Cleaner (HDTV)	The Cleaner (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami
617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits "Lithia"	The Best Years (DVS)	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
500	505	35 DISC	American Loggers	American Loggers	Secrets of Dinosaur Mummy	Daily Planet-New Brazil	American Loggers	American Loggers	American Loggers	Handyman
628	584	43 SPIKE	Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back **** (1980, Science Fiction)	Mark Hamill	Mark Hamill	Mark Hamill	Pros vs. Joos	Pros vs. Joos	Pros vs. Joos	Pros vs. Joos
522	516	45 HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS "Unouchable"	Jurassic Fight Club	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ice Road Truck
581	566	102 MTV	The Real World	The Real World	True Love	The X Effect	MTV Live	Cribs	Canada's Next Top Model	True Love

## SATURDAY

CA	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3 CFCN	W-Five (DVS)	Heaven's Fury (2003, Action)	Joanna Pacula. (DVS)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)
-	-	4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin	Chinese Rest.	Word for Word	Sparrows *** (1926, Suspense)	Mary Pickford	Chinese Rest.	Chinese Rest.	Chinese Rest.
-	371	5 KXLY	News	The Insider (N)	Triathlon	Wipeout (HDTV)	Castle (HDTV)	Eli Stone	Eli Stone	Eli Stone
245	306	6 CBRT	The Nature of Things (N)	Calgary Stampede	Rangeland Derby and Rodeo Wrap Up.	The Week the Women Went	Da Vinci's	Da Vinci's	Da Vinci's	Da Vinci's
244	338	7 CICT	A Wrinkle in Time *** (2003, Adventure)	Alfre Woodard	Doc "Breaking Away"	Doc	The City Show	The City Show	The City Show	The City Show
246	-	8 CKAL	Without a Trace	Murdoch Mysteries	Paid Program	Paid Program	48 Hours Mystery	Harper's Island "Whap"	Boston Pops	Boston Pops
-	372	12 KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	A Capitol Fourth (HDTV)	A Capitol Fourth (HDTV)	Macy's 4th of July Fireworks	LawOrd SVU	LawOrd SVU	LawOrd SVU
-	374	14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Two/Half Men	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
502	390	15 CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Dreams of Obama	Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Dreams of Obama
500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Newsroom
501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News
400	400	21 TSN	(4:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup	Heads-Up Poker	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	PartyPoker.net Irish	PartyPoker.net Irish	PartyPoker.net Irish
552	543	20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	PartyPoker.net Irish	PartyPoker.net Irish
557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Latest Buzz	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han, Montana	Hero at Large ** (1980, Comedy)	Hero at Large ** (1980, Comedy)
-	-	18 CHTV	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
603	561	25 FOOD	The Next Food Network Star	Kitchen Nightmares	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge
615	520	26 A&E	CSI: NY (HDTV)	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami
617	522	32 SHOW	Storm Cell (2008, Drama)	Mimi Rogers	Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Every Second Counts (2008, Drama)	Stephen Collins	Borat	Borat
520	505	35 DISC	Deadliest Catch	Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Deadliest Catch	Destroyed	Destroyed
628	584	43 SPIKE	Star Wars VI: The Return of the Jedi *** (1983, Science Fiction)	Mark Hamill	Carrie Fisher	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Pros vs. Joos	Pros vs. Joos	Pros vs. Joos
522	516	45 HIST	Unlocking the Past	Sinking a Destroyer	Crime Stories	Crime Stories	Alexander *** (2004, Historical Drama)	Alexander *** (2004, Historical Drama)	Alexander *** (2004, Historical Drama)	Alexander *** (2004, Historical Drama)
581	566	102 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada-Model	Canada-Model

## SUNDAY

CA	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3 CFCN	The Bourne Supremacy *** (2004, Suspense)	Merlin "Lancelot" (N)	Rita MacNeil	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)
-	-	4 OMNI	Without a Trace "4.0"	King	Look I Cook	Bollywood Boulevard	Breath	Toulet Sehat	Toulet Sehat	Toulet Sehat
-	371	5 KXLY	News	Storm Stories	Just Laughs	Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers	Brothers
245	306	6 CBRT	Heartland (HDTV)	(DVS)	Just for Laughs-Yankies	Blood Diamond *** (2006, Adventure)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons
244	338	7 CICT	16.9 Picture	King of the Hill	American Dad	Friends	Hates Chris	Kings	Royal Pains (N)	Reviews
246	-	8 CKAL	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	60 Minutes	Million Dollar Password	Cold Case (HDTV)	West Coast	Mi-5	Without Trace
-	372	12 KREM	News (N)	Nature (DVS)	Dateline NBC	Merlin "Lancelot" (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons
-	374	14 KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (DVS)	Dateline NBC	Merlin "Lancelot" (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons
-	370	16 KHQ	News	Wheel-Fortune	"Til Death	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	The Simpsons
502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	The Bush Years	Newsroom	State of the Union	News	CTV News	News	CTV News
500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	State of the Union	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News
501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News
400	400	21 TSN	Boxing: Berto vs. Urango	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Motoring 2009	Premier League Poker III (N)	Premier Poker	Premier Poker	Premier Poker	Premier Poker
408	418	27 net	(6) MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Texas Rangers	Sportsnet Connected	Sportsnet Connected	Prank Patrol	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj
552	543	20 YTV	Movie	(7:01) Jonas	Latest Buzz	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han, Montana	Blank Check *** (1994, Comedy)
557	541	39 FAM	Inside Hollywood (DVS)	Inside Hollywood	Jamie's Fowl Dinners	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite
603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite
615	520	26 A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite	Hammerite
617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Guard (HDTV)	MythBusters	Jesse James Is a Dead Man	Jesse James Is a Dead Man	Deep Blue Rare footage of ocean life	UFC's Ultimate 100
500	505	35 DISC	(6) Deep Blue (N)	Jesse James Is a Dead Man	Jesse James Is a Dead Man	UFC's Ultimate 100	Jesse James	Jesse James	Jesse James	Jesse James
628	584	43 SPIKE	UFC's Ultimate 100	Jesse James Is a Dead Man	Jesse James Is a Dead Man	UFC's Ultimate 100	Jesse James	Jesse James	Jesse James	Jesse James
522	516	45 HIST	(6) Nostradamus: 2012	Life After People	Life After People	After	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
581	566	102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs

## Neverland to rival Graceland?

**TOURISM** Abandoned by Michael Jackson after a humiliating child molestation trial in 2005, the late singer's Neverland Ranch could now become one of the biggest draws in the world as a memorial to the King of Pop.

Jackson's family has said there are no plans for a funeral or burial of his body at the ranch in central California after his death last week.

But the rural playground inspired by Jackson's alter-ego, Peter Pan, would remain an attraction in a region already visited by tourists, and it could rival Elvis Presley's Graceland as a future venue for his millions of fans around the world.

"Michael Jackson has

**"Michael Jackson ... probably (has) a stronger fan base than even Elvis."**

Roger Brooks, CEO Destination Development International

worldwide appeal and probably a stronger fan base than even Elvis. Neverland is a lot larger than Graceland and Los Angeles is a major tourist destination already," said Roger Brooks, CEO of tourism company Destination Development International. "Neverland embodied what Michael Jackson was — the good and the bad. I think it could draw about one million visitors a year,"

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## Billboard's top albums

1. Lines, Vines and Trying Times, Jonas Brothers; 2. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; 3. Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King, Dave Matthews Band; 4. Relapse, Eminem. METRO NEWS SERVICES



## Music

# Moby worth the wait

## Abandons market pressures in favour of 'private music'

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada



**When Moby started making music, he never anticipated his career to last more than six months.**

"My dream was of having more than 10 people listen to the music that I made. More than 100 seemed absurd and presumptuous," said the 43-year-old New York musician, born Richard Melville Hall.

Twenty-four years later, he's got nine solo albums under his belt — and that's outside of earlier band stints. Moby's music has bridged the techno, ambient, electronica and rock genres and previous releases have largely shared his motivation of creating music for the ears of others.

But on his new release, *Wait For Me*, Moby's abandoned market pressures, making what he considers, "private music."

"It's music that only really makes sense listened to at home by yourself or with one other person," he said, likening it to creations by late English singer/songwriter Nick Drake and contemporary Wisconsin folk soloist, Bon Iver.

"When I found myself getting more involved in



Wait for Me, the new album from New York-based artists Moby, was released earlier this week.

that world of commercial, mainstream music, half of me felt like an anthropologist because it was just so foreign," he said. "To be at an MTV awards show and be sitting between Justin Timberlake and Ludacris ... I was like, I'm sure these people are nice. I have no idea what motivates them."

What motivates Moby? Creation, chiefly, he said. He's careful not to criticize the world of commercial music, but when it boils down to art vs. commerce, he hails the prior as superior and indicates there's a problem with compromising one's artistic principles

for the sake of accommodating the marketplace.

"Life is short, the marketplace is cheap and art is one of those few things that actually gives meaning to peoples' lives. I hate to see potentially great artists sacrificing their principles on the altar of commerce," he said.

That's why, to launch his first truly independent release, Moby committed what he said a friend of his dubs "commercial suicide" — releasing the album's fully instrumental first single *Shot in the Back of the Head*, unlikely to be played on radio, accompanied by a rather dour video illus-

trated and animated by nonconforming filmmaker David Lynch, even less likely to be seen on television, and giving it away for free.

"The old punk rocker in me really likes that," he said, smirking. But even though Moby boasts punk rock's anti-establishment attitude, such independence still yields private trials, which he aimed to address with *Wait For Me*.

"The most challenging thing is the human condition — mortality. We might not have significance, but we can have the solidarity of the fact that we're all experiencing the same thing."

## Five great albums released this year

### SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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I'm not sure how this happened so soon — maybe it was the lousy spring across much of the country — but as of

Tuesday, 2009 is half done. Time for a highly subjective review of what I think are some of the best albums of the year — so far, anyway — listed in the order in which they were released. **The Panics/Cruel Guards:** Technically, this album isn't new at all. It was released at home in Australia in the fall of 2007, but it's only recently been released internationally. The music is soulful, dipping into Motown territory while moderating it with Coldplay's earnestness while adding just a



Crack the Sky is a metal concept album from Mastodon.

dash of Bono. Everyone I've played the CD for has loved it. Key track: *Don't Fight It*. **White Lies/To Lose My Life:** I found last summer's demos intriguing enough to mark Jan. 19, 2009, on my calendar as the album's official release date. When I finally heard it, I was gobsmacked at how these 20 year-olds could sound so world-weary. To say that this is a work displaying talent and a worldview beyond their years is an understatement. Key tracks: *To Lose My Life*, *Death*.

**Fight Like Apes / Fight Like Apes and the Mystery of the Golden Medallion:** Released at home in Ireland last fall but not issued elsewhere until January 2009, this awkwardly titled album has been on "repeat" in my iPod ever since. MayKay, the singer, sounds like she's teetering on the edge of insanity — and I mean that with all the love in the world. By the way, FLA calls their music "karate rock." Listen and you'll see why. Key track: *Tie Me Up with Jackets*.

### Mastodon/Crack the Sky:

A metal concept album released in March that encompasses everything from czarist mystics to wormholes to Stephen Hawking. What's not to like? It was especially good at rebutting a pool party last weekend where they played nothing but BeeGees for two-and-a-half hours. Six minutes of Oblivion fixed them. Key tracks: *Oblivion*, *The Last Baron*.

### Spinnerette/Spinnerette:

I'll admit it: I have a thing for Brody Dalle who fills that gap between Courtney Love and Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. A pre-Christmas release of an EP called *Ghetto Love* hinted at some cool things and a full self-titled album — which was released just ten days ago — has me hooked. Key tracks: *Baptized by Fire*.

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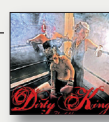
#### • Farm, Dinosaur Jr.: Dino

Jr.'s trademark mix of searing, fuzzy guitar alt-rock is infused with catchy pop hooks.



#### • Dirty King, The Clinks:

Toronto trio adds power ballads to its passionate pop-punk sound, suiting Lucas Silveira's gender-bending vocals nicely. METRO NEWS SERVICES



### TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

- 1 I Know You Want Me Pitbull
- 2 Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
- 3 Fire Burning Sean Kingston
- 4 Day 'N Nite Kid Cudi
- 5 I'm On A Boat Lonely Island
- 6 Kiss Me Thru The Phone Soulja Boy
- 7 Knock You Down Keni Wilson
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- 9 Right Round Flo Rida
- 10 I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas

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## MRCs 2009

## Shakespeare in the Park

Where: Princes Island Park  
When: July 3 & 4

Mount Royal College annual installment of Shakespeare in the Park showcases Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Runs until Aug. 22. For a complete schedule visit [myshakespeare.ca](#).

## CJSW Summer Concert Series

Where: Olympic Plaza  
When: July 4

The second installment of the year features Jay Crocker, Hot Little Rocket, Dojo Workhorse and The Stables. The concert is free and goes from 7 to 10 p.m.

## Independent Press &amp; Arts Fair

Where: Arrata Opera Centre  
When: July 4

An expansion on last year's book fair will feature micro presses, small presses, artful handicrafts. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Race for Pace

Where: South Glenmore Park  
When: July 5

The 1 km fun walk and 5 km or 10 km run and walk supports the Pacekids Programs for Children with Motor Disabilities Society. It supports educational and therapeutic program for kids with cerebral palsy and global developmental delays. For more information visit [pacekids.ca](#).

## Xavier Rudd

Where: Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium  
When: July 5

The Australian musician uses the didgeridoo as his main instrument, but also plays the guitar and drums and sings. Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$34.50 and can be purchased on [ticketmaster.ca](#).

## Leno wins cybersquatting case

**COURTS** Comedian and talk show host Jay Leno has won a cybersquatting case against a Texas man found by a U.N. agency to have misused the domain name [thejaylenoshow.com](#) to direct Internet users to a real estate website.

In a ruling issued Thursday, the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) said Leno had com-

mon law trademark rights to his name after a 30-year career in entertainment, even though Guadalupe Zambrano registered the site in 2004.

Furthermore, real estate agent Zambrano did not have any legitimate rights to the disputed web address and had registered it in "bad faith," according to the judge. **REUTERS**



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Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

## 1 Michael Jackson: The Final Years

**BOOK** Montreal-based Transit Publishing is ready to cash it in with this biography, the first one to be published since Jackson's death. On sale next week, the tell-all by Canadian writer Ian Halperin claims to have all kinds of inside information. Not excited yet? OK, Halperin predicted last December that Jacko would die within six months.



## 2 Kevin Skinner

**PERSON** As expected, American's Got Talent got its Susan Boyle moment this week with the unassuming chicken catcher from Kentucky. There were sniggers at Skinner's rustic appearance until he blew the judges with his rendition of Garth Brooks' 'If Tomorrow Never Comes.' Needless to say, search engines and blogs were abuzz. Even the Hoff was visibly moved.

## 3 Seth Rogen and Michael Cera

**ACTORS** This week, Canada's golden boys of comedy made the exclusive Hollywood club that votes on the Academy Awards. Vancouver-born Rogen, whose hits include Knocked Up and Pineapple Express, and Brampton, Ont., native Cera will be feted by the academy at a reception in September, along with other new voting members.

## 4 Firefox 3.5

**BROWSER** They say the best things in life are free. The argument definitely holds for the open-source browser, which once again proved why it's so far ahead in the web game. The new version not only sports some cool features but is incredibly fast as well. So it's back to the drawing boards, Internet Explorer 8.



## 5 The Pirate Party

**POLITICS** Shiver me timbers, eh? The copyright-bashing spirit of the Swedish collective is headed for Canadian shores, thanks to a small group of homemade swash-bucklers who are banding together following the party's rising popularity in parts of Europe. Their platform? People should have the right to share and copy music, movies and virtually any material, as long as it is for personal use, not for profit.

## 6 Johnny Depp

**CELEBRITY** The ultimate Hollywood chameleon floored the critics with his portrayal of

celebrity outlaw John Dillinger in Michael Mann's latest crime epic Public Enemies. Now there's talk that top producers are desperate to sign the Pirates of the Caribbean star to play Michael Jackson.



## 7 Michael Jackson albums

**MUSIC** Nine of the departed pop megastar's albums made the Top 10 on Billboard Pop Charts this week, breaking all kinds of records. A similar feat was repeated on Amazon. Any doubts about the King of Pop's reign have been forever laid to rest.

## Shoes key to MJ's dance

**Michael Jackson was not only a great pop singer and dance artist — but he was also an inventor, patenting new technologies to support his signature moves.**

One trick Jackson liked to carry out during his concerts was to defy gravity. During a number, he would lean so far forward that the audience was amazed at how he did not fall over. The secret behind the gravity-defying

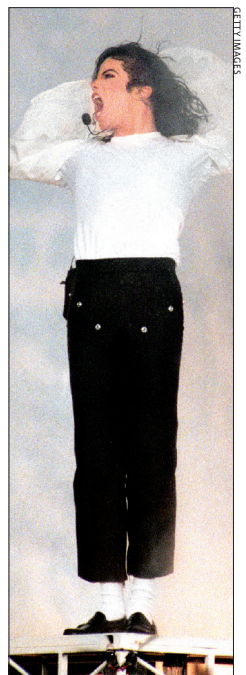
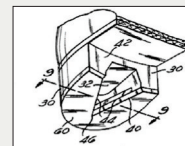
trick? A shoe he invented and patented.

On Google Patents, it is possible to see Jackson's invention in its entirety, with sketches of how the specially designed shoes work on stage. By attaching the shoe to the floor, Jackson could be sure he would remain standing even when he leaned forward to near-toppling degrees.

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## How it was done

- Jackson's specially designed shoe went above the ankle;
- The heel of the shoe had a V-shaped notch;
- Screws in the stage floor where attached to holes scored into the heels;
- Jackson could then lean forward and be sure not to fall over;
- One the move was completed, the heel could be detached from the screws.



Michael Jackson from his 1993 Super Bowl performance.

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# A little taste of Heaven

KATHY BUCKWORTH  
for Metro Canada

**"Together now!" is a phrase I normally deploy when taking my wayward children out for a walk, mall visit or as a desperate plea to have them all smile in the annual family photograph.**

So I was pleasantly surprised when I heard my two youngest kids say these two words, thinking some of my terrific team bonding parenting skills were finally showing results.

Guess again. I should have been suspicious when they recited it in unison, on key, and to a beat. These guys are never that harmonious. Until now, because of a new game on our Nintendo DSi called Rhythm Heaven. It's basically all in the pen-tap-

ping, as players work their way through a series of intriguing games that mostly require them to hit or flip the pen on the screen at precisely the right time. We've discovered it's more about listening to the soundtrack than watching the screen, and that's a cool way to inte-

grate hand-eye co-ordination and listening skills. (If you aren't a parent or a teacher, you may not be aware that children are not masters at listening, per se.)

"The game consists of easy-to-learn starter levels that progress to 'remix' levels that require mastery of the previous mini-games," says Nintendo Canada's Matt Ryan. "It's a lot of fun and quite silly and

Rhythm Heaven, which helps players improve their hand-eye co-ordination, is now available for the Nintendo DSi.

will build the player's sense of rhythm and co-ordination."

Personally, I had never thought of Ping Pong as a rhythm-based game, but after playing it in Rhythm Heaven (excellent graphics and sound, unlike my experience with Pong 20 years ago), the next time I play on a real table I'll be listening for the ball as well as watching for it.

Other games include jumping monkeys; alien planets ... even an ancient island talking head who gets bird droppings on his head as a penalty when you miss the beat. This is a terrific game for the whole family — perfect for the cottage on a rainy day when you're in the mood for giving your brain a good workout.

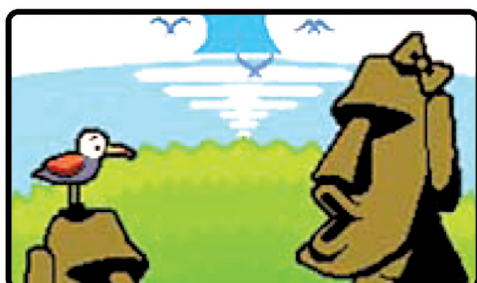
What's also giving me a brain workout right now is my teenage son getting his driver's licence. If it's speed that he needs, I'm hoping that letting him play Mario Kart DS will be a good way for me to distract him from getting out on the real road.

"Mario Kart DS is an easy-to-pick-up-and-play racing game that uses Mario franchise characters and over-the-top tracks, items and Karts (similar to go-karts) to race in circuits," says Ryan.

And honestly, at present my seven-year-old son Nic is displaying a little more driving finesse than his older brother at this fun, sometimes challenging and zippy game.

"To get first in the races, players need to strategically use the 'items,' jumps and shortcuts to their advantage and beat the other racers," explains Ryan. This makes sense as Nic has consistently demonstrated these moves in order to be first in line at the school bus stop.

Driving cars and a driving beat — these two games make a great start to a family game collection. Together now, kids.



A sample of some of the games available on Rhythm Heaven.








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On Alex Jones' Infowars radio show on Monday, Spencer and Heidi Pratt said that 9/11 was an "inside job," that global warming theories are "mind-boggling" and lamented the "end of humanity." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Jonas Bro off the market

**33% OF FANS ARE HEARTBROKEN**

Kevin Jonas surprised his girlfriend Danielle Deleasa by showing up at her doorstep in New Jersey early Wednesday morning and dropping down to his knee to ask her to marry him.

Presented with a cushion-cut diamond ring that Jonas designed with Jacob & Co., Deleasa couldn't believe what was happening, **people.com** reports.



Then, "She said yes, yes, yes like 500 times super fast in a row," the oldest of

the Jonas Brothers told **People**.

Jonas, 21, and Deleasa, 22, who met in May of 2007 while vacationing with their families in the Bahamas, haven't set a wedding date yet. "It still feels like a dream," she told **People**.

When Deleasa, a former hairdresser, first met Jonas two years ago, she admitted, "I didn't know who the Jonas Brothers were." It was

Jonas who eagerly pursued her after meeting her and then spotting her walking on the beach with a flower in her hair.

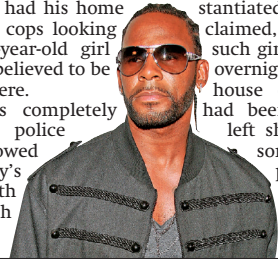
Jonas popped the question after arriving in New Jersey on an overnight flight from a concert in Vancouver. "It was tough performing last night, knowing that I was going to ask the biggest question in my life to the most amazing girl in the world," he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# New rumours denied

**UH OH** R. Kelly has been battling more rumours about troubles with underage girls after the National Enquirer published a story saying he had his home raided by cops looking for a 17-year-old girl who was believed to be staying there.

"This is completely false. No police ever showed up at Kelly's house with a search warrant

nor was his house ever searched," Kelly's rep, Allan Mayer, said in a statement to **E! News**. "It is also not true, as the unsubstantiated report claimed, that any such girl ever stayed overnight in Kelly's house or that she had been there but left shortly before some mythical police search."



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# Kate's career stalls on divorce?

**FALLOUT** First Kate Gosselin's book was delayed, then her reality show went on hiatus. Now her clothing line promotion deal with Healthtex is up in the air, **usmagazine.com** reports.

Gosselin, 34, was hawking the line as recently as May on the Rachael Ray

Show. She handed out a gift bag that contained what Ray described as "a Healthtex outfit (Kate) helped design and create."

The fall clothing line is still available at Wal-Mart, but Gosselin is not involved.

On Mon-

day — one week after she and her husband Jon filed divorce papers — Christian publisher Zondervan announced her upcoming cookbook, *Love Is in the Mix: Making Meals into Memories*, wouldn't hit stores this November as originally planned. The book promised an "inside look at one of America's most famous close-knit families." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



# Moss getting hitched to Hince?

**SETTLING DOWN** Kate Moss is engaged to Jamie Hince, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The 35-year-old supermodel — who has been dating The Kills rocker since summer 2007 — has sparked rumours the pair is planning to wed after she was spotted wearing an impressive diamond on her ring finger during a romantic trip to Paris.

This is not the first time it has been reported the British beauty and the 40-year-old musician are set to tie the knot.

Earlier this year, Hince revealed he was desperate to

commit to Moss.

He said: "I want to marry Kate. She's all I want. She's all I need."

Shortly after they started dating, and just months after she ended her engagement to troubled Babyshambles singer Pete Doherty, it was reported Moss had popped the question to guitarist Hince at a friend's wedding.

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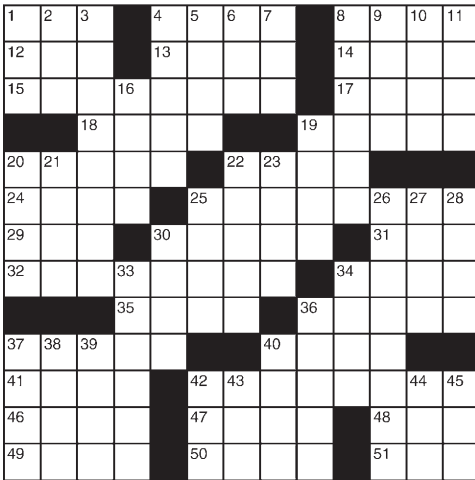
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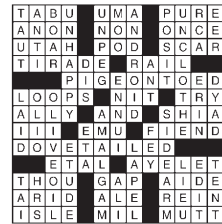
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**Crossword across**

- 1 Peculiar  
4 Furniture brand  
8 Long ride?  
12 Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"  
13 Infamous lyre player  
14 Finished  
15 Truman's economic policy  
17 Barn roof decoration  
18 Witticism  
19 Less  
20 Hugh Laurie series  
22 Apollo 11 goal  
24 Dust Bowl migrant  
25 One justifiably ridiculed  
29 Bobby of hockey  
30 Move laterally  
31 San Francisco's — Hill  
32 No cheating  
34 Ticket receipt  
35 Steering site  
36 Runs off  
37 Get more magazines  
40 Gloomy  
41 Dogfight participants  
42 Fan of carnivals  
46 Via, in verse  
47 Right on the map?  
48 Have bills  
49 Lays down the lawn  
50 Apiece  
51 Encountered

**Crossword down**

- 1 Lumbox  
2 "CSI" evidence  
3 Rum recipe  
4 Privately made movie  
5 Retain  
6 Historic time  
7 Comcast alternative  
8 Affectionate  
9 Terrible guy?  
10 Carte  
11 Galena and cinnabar  
16 Stratagem  
19 Oliver Twist's request  
20 Component of stock footage?  
21 Gumbo item  
22 Sir's counterpart  
23 Unctuous  
25 Occupy  
26 Waiting area  
27 Small grimace  
28 Undergoes recession  
30 Jet forth  
33 Monkey in a lab  
34 Punch  
36 Onward  
37 "Phooey!"  
38 Reverberate  
39 Dweeb  
40 Platter  
42 Retainer  
43 Motorists' org.  
44 Ram's fan?  
45 On pension (Abbr.)

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

3	8	7	4	1	6	2	9	5
6	5	1	2	8	9	7	3	4
4	2	9	3	5	7	6	1	8
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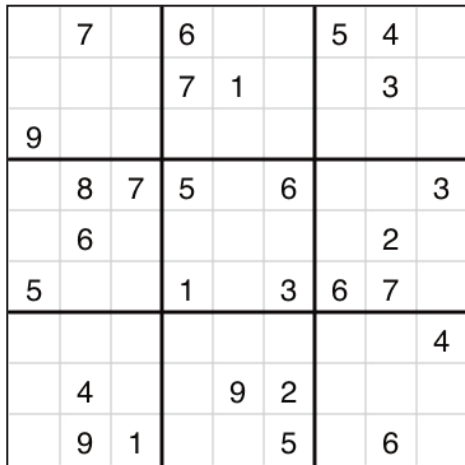
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13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

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**Metro Recipe of the Day****Stir-fried Beef with Vegetables****INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 lb (500 g) round roast, thinly sliced  
2 tbsp (25 ml) oyster sauce  
3 tsp (15 ml) low sodium soy sauce  
1/2 tsp (2 ml) sugar  
2 tbsp (25 ml) corn starch  
2 garlic cloves, chopped  
2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil  
1 small onion, cut into wedges  
1 small carrot, peeled and sliced  
1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced  
3 1/2 oz (100 g) broccoli, cut into florets  
5 fresh baby corn cobs, halved lengthways  
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut on diagonal into 2-in. (5-cm) lengths  
1/2 cup (125 ml) water  
**METHOD:**  
1. Put beef in bowl with oyster and soy sauces, sugar, corn starch and garlic. Mix and allow to marinate 15 minutes.

2. Heat well-seasoned wok or large, non-stick frying pan over high heat. Add 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil, then add meat and stir-fry 3 minutes until cooked and browned. Remove and keep warm.  
3. Clean wok out by wiping with paper towel. Heat over medium heat and add remaining oil. Add onion, carrot, pepper and broccoli and cook 1 minute, tossing frequently. Add corn, asparagus and water; return meat to wok and cook 1 minute, or until sauce has thickened. Vegetables should be slightly softened but still retain their crispness. Serve immediately.

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**ARIES**

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
You may need to remind certain individuals today that although they are entitled to their opinions, the value depends on the facts.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Others are more likely to respond to words of encouragement than to complaints that they are not trying hard enough.

**LIBRA**

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Mercury's entry into the status area of your chart today urges you to make an impression on employers and other authority figures.

**SCORPIO**

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Some of the thoughts that invade your head will be so way out that you dare not tell others what you are thinking.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
It's important today that you keep control of your mind. Your imagination will wander all over the place if you let it.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
It may be tempting to tell others what they want to hear today but why should you perjure yourself just to make them feel good?

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Now that mind planet Mercury is beginning its transit of your sign you will see things with a bit more clarity. You've wasted too much time on trivialities.

**CAPRICORN**

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Someone you have not been getting on with too well of late will put out feelers of reconciliation today.

**LEO**

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
You will be a bit more subdued than usual today. Of course, as a Leo, your idea of subdued is probably loud and assertive by other people's standards.

**AQUARIUS**

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
If you've been looking for ways to get others to take some of the workload off your shoulders you will find just the right words to persuade them today.

**VIRGO**

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
You see no reason to be reticent about telling the world what turns you on — and off — and if it's a bit too candid for some, well, that's too bad.

**PISCES**

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
Mind planet Mercury joins the Sun in the most dynamic area of your chart today, so there can be no more excuses.



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